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1. U.S. Patent No. 3,312,719 issued April 4, 1967 to Dieter Hullstrung.
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,140,588 issued February 20, 1979 to Schmidt et al. This reference was previously identified in an IDS filed June 20, 2006.
3. EP 1 475 375 A1, published November 10, 2004 to Sumitomo Chemical Company, Limited. This reference corresponds to JP 2003-238547 A which was previously filed with an IDS on March 13, 2006.
4. E. Bartholome, et al., "Ullmanns Encyklopadie der technischen Chemie, 4. Aufl., Band 19", (1980) XP-002414225, pp. 471-472.

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